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TO AMEMBASSY JIDDA IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: FAHD MESSAGE ON ARMS SALES AND DELIVERIES

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1. AMBASSADOR AKINS SAW REFTTEL IN WASHINGTON PRIOR TO HIS MEETINGS WITH ASST SECDEF ELLSWORTH AND OTHER SENIOR ISA OFFICIALS. AMBASSADOR LEFT US FOR LONDON EVENING OCT 3, AND INTENDS TO TRY TO SEE FAHD IN LONDON BOTH TO DISCUSS WITH HIM THE GENERAL PROBLEM OF US RESPONSIVENESS TO SAUDI REQUESTS, AND TO PROVIDE HIM WITH A SPECIFIC REPORT OF PROGRESS ON THE 40 FMS CASES WHICH FAHD REQUESTED WE EXPEDITE DURING HIS JUNE VISIT HERE.

2. FOR YOUR INFORMATION, WE CONSIDER THAT OUR PERFORMANCE ON THOSE 40 CASES HAS BEEN ESSENTIALLY REASONABLE GIVEN THE BUILT-IN DELAYS CAUSED BY CHANGING REQUIREMENTS, PROCUREMENT LEADTIMES, INFLATION AND OTHER FACTORS. BUT WE ARE MAKING A SPECIAL EFFORT PRIOR TO THE SECURITY

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COMMISSION MEETINGS TO CLEAR UP AS MANY OUTSTANDING

PROBLEMS AS POSSIBLE; WE CONTINUE TO THINK THAT INSTITUTION
OF REGULAR, PERIODIC POLICY-LEVEL REVIEW OF FMS PROBLEMS
VIA THE SECURITY COMMISSION IS THE BEST POSSIBLE METHOD
OF ENSURING THAT SUFFICIENT ATTENTION IS GIVEN TO SAUDI
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